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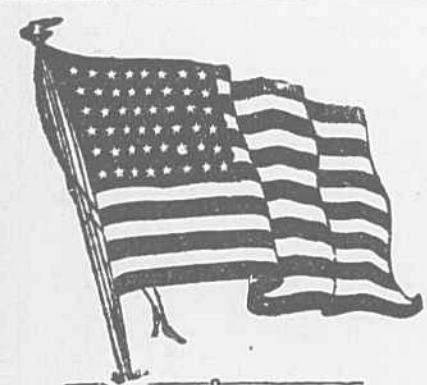
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MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 27, 1917.



THE REAL FAIRMONT SPIRIT.

THE other day reference was made in these columns to the amount of work that Chambers of Commerce do in the course of a year which the public never hears about. We printed that editorial because people who do not understand frequently criticize Chambers of Commerce and similar bodies quite unjustly. Sometimes people who do understand are also unjustly critical. They get into the nagging habit, and nothing the representative body of the city can do pleases them or moves them to a generous thought.

When the body really is a wide awake one doing good work a good dose of outside opinion acts like an electric shock upon these pessimistic persons. In this connection The West Virginian recalled some correspondence which last spring passed between C. C. Wedding, president of the American Valve and Tank company, whose new plant in this city is about to begin operations, and Ernest Smith, of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, regarding the change of location of the American company's plant. A lot of this correspondence was explanatory of the plans of the company and replies by Secretary Smith, in which that gentleman took occasion to pay Mr. Wedding many compliments for being a live wire, but some of it referred to Fairmont and the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce, this of course written by Mr. Wedding, and for the purpose of giving an outside view of the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce we are going to take the liberty to reproduce here some sentences which we think will do some good:

They have in Fairmont, says Mr. Wedding, a real live, up to date, progressive Chamber of Commerce that does not boast of trivial matters. The dominating influence does not think that a city gets too large to welcome people and real industries with something besides words and beautiful sayings, but on the other hand, put a premium on individual activity and energy, show the natural resources, that nature has so bountifully supplied, real advantages and cooperation vitally essential to manufacturing enterprises and real people willing to assist in a substantial way without owning everything and everybody. These things are the fundamental essentials to a successful industrial center.

Keep your eye on Fairmont. She is an example worthy of notice. We will be glad to see you in Fairmont at any time, and the Fairmont spirit will endeavor to entertain you.

When he wrote that Mr. Wedding was not thinking of the Chamber of Commerce that all too frequently is unable to get a quorum out for its fixed meeting and which has to do a lot of routine things that, while essential duties of such a body, are far from stimulating to the interest. No, he was thinking of the enterprising members of the Chamber who, quite informally but always as members of the

body, get out and do the hustling which gives Fairmont a reputation for being one of the most enterprising cities in the state. That is to say, gives it the reputation everywhere except in the favorite loafing places of the town fogies who think the Chamber of Commerce is absolutely worthless and the Greater Fairmont Investment company a piece of foolishness.

Well, Fairmont has been growing rapidly and steadily in spite of the sneers and the frowns of these glooms. It will continue to go right on with increasing momentum as the years roll by, and pretty soon they will be swallowed up in their own fog. Some of them are pretty close to that point already.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK GOOD.

FOR years the Continental and Commercial National bank of Chicago has issued an annual crop report and business review which is carefully studied by people who want to keep posted upon such matters not because the estimates of the bank's experts regarding crop yields are likely to be more accurate than the estimates of the government or the big commercial agencies, but because of their uniform success in forecasting the effect of the crop yield upon business conditions. That makes this year's report which was published at Chicago this morning more important than ever before.

After the fashion of those who observe and comment upon business conditions the Continental bank does not come out with a flat footed assertion that there is to be prosperity in the United States during the coming winter, but a spirit of optimism pervades the entire statement, and the reader is not left in doubt that we shall be prosperous unless we badly mismanage our affairs. At the moment, says the report, there is some feeling of hesitancy, but unless the rate of taxation are so excessive as to prove to be unscientific and cause a dangerous strain on industry, it seems quite probable that the distribution of the proceeds of this taxation, together with the proceeds derived from government loans and from the crop yield, will greatly stimulate business for some time to come.

The paragraph regarding the coal industry is quite interesting when it is remembered that it is not a coal operator's opinion, nor even a commercial statistician's opinion, but the

three fundamental influences bearing on the future of our business situation are the high prices of material, inadequate transportation, and the labor situation. Those who are closely identified with the coal producers are emphatic in their statement that there would be no reason for apprehension on the part of manufacturers and consumers of a shortage of fuel if the two disturbing features of that industry were overcome; namely, inadequate transportation and inefficient labor. The labor situation in the coal mines has been unsatisfactory for years and is growing more so. Producers say that it is practically impossible to calculate what the production for a given period will be because of the tendency to call strikes on the most trivial pretext. The higher wages paid coal miners and employees seem to increase rather than decrease the reliability of the workers. But added to this is the lack of care to carry the products of the mines to the retail markets as fast as the producers are able to supply the coal. Necessarily this fuel situation is a factor of great moment to the industries of this country for with the shortage of coal or with excessive high prices for fuel the production of the factory necessarily will be affected.

As for the crop situation, the aggregate of the principal crops is found to be unusually large. The estimated yields in detail are: Wheat, 660,000,000 bushels; corn, 3,200,000,000 bushels; oats, 1,527,000,000 bushels; barley, 208,000,000 bushels; rye, 57,000,000 bushels; all cereals, 5,652,000,000 bushels; potatoes, 498,000,000 bushels; hay (tame), 82,000,000 tons; cotton, 11,000,000 bales.

Announcement that Rev. Dr. J. C. Broomfield has been given a leave of absence by the Temple congregation so that he may go with the First regiment to Hattiesburg will be good news to parents and friends of the young men. Dr. Broomfield is a militant Christianity. As an aid to Secretary Knight, who will be in charge of the army Y. M. C. A. at Camp Shelby, he will enter into the actual life of the men and thus be in close touch with them at all times. They already know and like him and he will be their guide and friend and have enough interest in their welfare to seek them out when they need aid and advice, even if they do not appeal to him. Fairmont will miss Dr. Broomfield while he is away, but his congregation and the good people of the city generally will take comfort in the thought that he is doing a good work for his Heavenly Father and the Republic while he is away.

Fairmont extends a hearty welcome to the teachers of the county who will assemble here today for the annual teachers' institute. They are a fine body of people and their work was never more important than it is right now when the country is at war and the need for training the oncoming generation so that it will be able to understand the new problems and new burdens of citizenship is imperative.

It is said that Bulgaria's reply to the Pope's peace note will indicate that nothing short of permission to annex Macedonia, the Dobrudja and the Aegean sea coast will content that country. If the Bulgars mean this it will make interesting reading at Vienna and Berlin, where they have known for some time that the objects to attain which the war was started are out of the question. Bulgarian armies now occupy Macedonia and the Dobrudja. A settlement on the basis of the map would give them pretty nearly all they ask for. The net result of the war on such a basis would be the sacrifice of millions of Austrian and German lives and the practical bankruptcy of those two empires for the aggrandizement of Bulgaria and the autonomy of Russian Poland, and the possible gain by Italy of the parts of the Adriatic littoral that are inhabited by Italians. That would not have a tendency to make the military party at the two Teutonic capitals popular.

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Country cousins would get something out of the big dinners they supply for city cousins that way.

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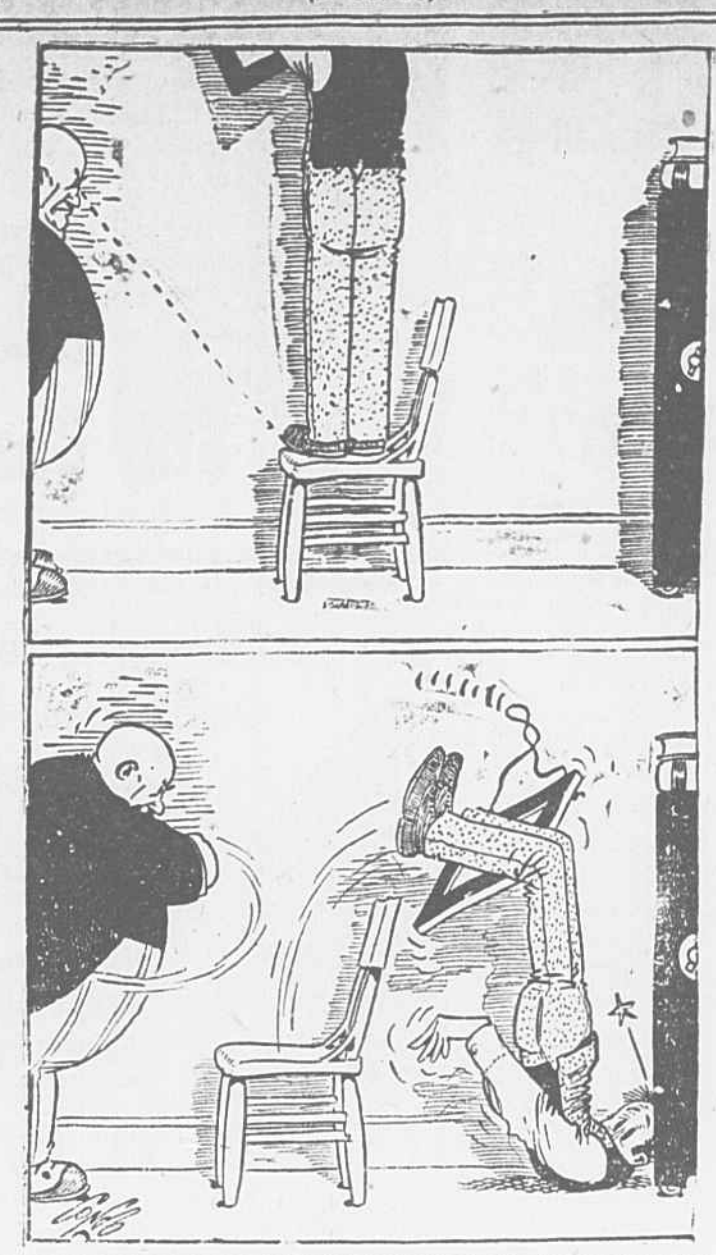
But took precious good care to dismember the feeling while the Mexican menace was real and the colored soldier was a real friend in need.

DeVAULT REUNION.

There will be a reunion of the DeVault families on next Saturday, Sept. 1, at Clifton Park near Opekiska. Everybody is cordially invited to come and have an enjoyable time.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO)



Evening Chat

When Jones first learned about the draft, at once he was much tempted to seek, by skill or fraud or craft, some way to be exempted. "I love my country, that is true; of course I'm patriotic but what good can war really do? To fight, is idiotic." So, all the time, Jones thought about a way to get from under, until one day, we heard him shout, "I've found the way, by thunder!" "I said they'll not take married men—their wives must be cared for. Be sure that I'll be married when the draft is all prepared for." Soon Jones was wed. When war's call came, Friend Jones said, "I shan't go. Of course I know that it's a shame. Because of wife I can't go." But wife said, "Now, listen, dear, the man I meant to marry was brave, and true, without a fear. At home he could not tarry, while other men from all around were fighting for the nation. You'll get your hat and then go down to the recruiting station." So Jones went. He writes his wife, "I'm quite a soldier fellow. And should I chance to lose my life, you'll know I was not yellow." Sometimes, Jones' wife smiles. Again—her tears she can't repress them—But while such women rule the men, the country's safe. God bless them!

"It seems to me," said a Fairmonter who comes within the conscription age and who has just married, "that the general public is a little unfair in its attitude to the newly wedded man. Take by case for example. I have been engaged for some time, but put off marriage until I knew whether I was to be drafted. I did not feel like marrying until I had some definite idea as to my immediate future. But I was drafted, and I'm now married. Some of my acquaintances speak of my marriage as though they really thought I married with the expectation of claiming exemption as a married man. In my opinion, the people who constantly talk and think that way about every newly married person are just the people who would try to take advantage of such a thing themselves. They only reflect unconsciously, perhaps, their own inmost thoughts.

"I felt, and—felt, that we were entitled to be married. We had a right to that. We were making just as much of a real sacrifice in separating as though we had been married. When we first talked about exemption—and we did talk about it,—she told me that she wanted a whole man, a real man; and that though I might come back from the trenches disabled, she'd feel that I was truly a whole man when I had done a man's duty to my country. And this, I think, is the attitude of most newly-weds. God knows, they are entitled to a short happiness, even though the great conflict forever separates them. At the front, he'll have the memory of their happiness. At home, she'll be waiting and preparing to welcome him, and if it chances that he doesn't get back, there'll be a memory to live with her forever."

Cats must go. Some one should really start a warfare on them. The cat while cunning in his youth grows up into a sly, treacherous animal. Wound into a furry ball in the middle of our best rocker, he looks very lovable and innocent but many a happy bird family has been broken up. Besides bird killing, he is said to carry disease and many a family has forbidden the cat on account of this, especially since influenza.

Helping to win their way to the top of their profession by becoming bona-fide officers, General A. Reed, Colonel Oscar Williams and Lieutenant Goddard McCabe are now serving as privates in the ranks of the United States Marine Corps. They were given their

fantastic paralysis has been so prevalent. Wandering about as he does into all kinds of places, we should be a little careful about allowing him free access into our homes with feet that have been anywhere and everywhere. Children love cats and so do many grown people and the cat in his place is permissible; but everybody loves birds—let me tell you of a few that Mister Cat has treacherously eaten.

The robin is our first bird as everyone knows and he stays with us the longest. Hatched from an exquisite blue egg, he is a friendly, pretty thing and likes to live near comfortable homes where he can run across well kept lawns easily in search of worms. He would rather build his nest about our verandas and really it is a shame we cannot provide a roof for his nest; made of perishable material as it is and lined with mud, unless protected from heavy rains his pretty home sometime meets with grave disaster.

Did you know that even father birds like to get together at night and talk of interesting things and that large numbers meet at a favorite roosting place? While mother stays at home alone with the babies. This spring a large gray cat utterly destroyed a whole family of robins.

The bluebird also comes easily. He is useful as well as ornamental and kills thousands of insects that would destroy the crops. He sings truly and sweetly. The cat lays even in watch for him.

The brown thrush with his white spotted waistcoat is a favorite among us; he is not afraid to come very near and he sings "here am I—here am I" in a rich penetrating tone. I know where several families of thrushes were hidden and I have found desecrated nests among them.

We admit the catbird. He is rather temperamental; some days when he is feeling out of sorts he looks like a tumbled schoolboy with feathers ruffled—at other times he is as sleek and well mannered as can be. Some days he sings a most beautiful song and on others he imitates a cat's call very cleverly and disagreeably.

A Christian catbird on the road leading to Winfield fed not only her own babies but several orphans who lived in some underground there. The parents had been killed by their enemy, the cat, and had it not been for the kindly catbird, the orphans probably would have starved.

There are so many tragedies among our birds and the cat is responsible for many of them. There are a great many bird-lovers in Fairmont. There is no more welcome note than the first happy, joyous sound of the birds in the spring. There is something awakening to the spirit in the melody of their song. We stop in our work and listen and say—"What bird is that?" Sometimes it is hard to tell for birds have many different songs—a song or sound for every emotion, in which to express themselves.

Just now bird songs are particularly appealing for it is the time of year when family cares for them are over. There is that note of sadness—that slower song with many minor tones that make us believe that even birds love springtime and mating and building best.

Nature Needs Assistance In Keeping You Well

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official names by their parents, and not through any military service or appointment.

Major General George Barnett, commandant of the Marine Corps, recently made the announcement that future officers in that organization would be chosen from men in the ranks. It may be that the martial prefixes of these well-named sea-soldiers may serve them later as a designation of their rank.

Rev. Mitchell of Christ Episcopal church preached one of his most impressive sermons yesterday at the morning service. Mr. Mitchell came to Christ church at a time when, having been without a rector for several months, the congregation could most appreciate him; not alone because he filled a vacant place dear to the members of Christ church, but because he came into hearts that needed him. A man of quiet bearing, he speaks in a sane, forceful manner of Christian principles of living.

Yesterday he spoke of the true meaning of Christianity. In this day of thorough knowledge of the word "Americanism," he asked that we review the word "Christian." He said that when a boy, he had been taught the same religion that represented Bunyan as spending all his time overcoming the wicked world. He was taught that in order for one to get into Heaven, the whole of life must be a turning of one's back on everything enjoyable. He called it a taking of the part for the whole, and he said that Christianity is neither a beautiful dream nor a hard reality. He told us to trust, to yield to the great light, as the plant to the sun, and that with trust and study would come wisdom and vision. He compared God and his children to the first side father and little ones, and said we could get along no better without Him than could the child without his parent or the parent without his child. He spoke of the parents who were never the same after their children had gone away, who never forgot—whose aim in life was gone. He said that the love of God was broader than the measure of a man's mind—that God needed us—that He spoke to our ears and to our eyes in all that was beautiful to hear or to see; that we could never know true happiness without him. He said, in conclusion, that Jesus was Christianity, and that to be a Christian was to be a disciple of Jesus.

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A. S. Burleson,
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Since the above notice has been appearing on magazines, many Fairmonters have brought periodicals to the local postoffice for the use of soldiers at the front. The authorities at the local office are glad to see so much interest manifested and are immediately dispatching them to Uncle Sam's boys.

The number of magazines received each day has been gradually increasing, showing that the idea is becoming more and more popular. The boys at the front will be glad to get an old magazine and will doubtless appreciate this little service.



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RED CROSS CHIEFS ARRIVE IN RUSSIA

Will Do Their Part in Putting New Democracy On Its Feet.

The American Red Cross has received a cablegram from Dr. Frank S. Billings, chairman of the Red Cross Commission to Russia, announcing the safe arrival of the Commission in Petrograd and its reception by Premier Kerensky. The commission has already begun its investigation of conditions in Russia.

Chairman H. P. Davison, of the Red Cross council, on learning of the arrival of the commission, at once cabled the following message to Premier Kerensky. "I have just received a cable announcement of the safe arrival in Petrograd of the Special American Red Cross Commission to Russia. The American Red Cross numbers nearly 3,000,000 American citizens among its members, and wants you to know that the sending of this Commission with the measures of relief which it conveys and the others which we expect it will later administer are tokens of the earnest sympathy of the American Red Cross for the people of Russia in their brave struggle for the establishment of Democracy and for the perpetuation of a really independent national existence."

The American Commission carried with it medical supplies to the value of \$200,000. A second shipment of supplies is now being sent to Russia by the Red Cross. To cover this shipment the War Council has appropriated \$160,000.

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Every woman who has reason to believe that backache, headache, unnatural pains, low spirits, sleepless nights, irregularities or a catarrhal condition is caused by a derangement of the womanly functions, owes it to herself and dear ones to speedily overcome the trouble before a general breakdown causes permanent prostration.

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RUFF STUFF

But some married men we know are strong for Woodrow about now.

At all events Fairmont does not need to care how they fix that up. There were no slacker marriages in this burg.

"Coal operators not yet ready to hold meetings"—Headline.

Waiting for the hot heads to cool down probably.

If you don't like a guy just get him pinched for bootlegging.

There have been a couple of cases like that here, recently and the authorities ought to be on their guard.

Going to have a speaker of national reputation for the farewell.

For the love of mike and the peace of mind of the men let's get one who is not a politician.

Other people have national reputations. Besides most of the politician tribe are not in favor with vox pop just now.

Congressmen especially are not wanted.

It would save the Austrian army a lot of lives if it would make one of those strategic retreats to victory out of the territory Italy wants.

Italy is going to get it any way so why hang out?

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